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INTERROGATION REPORT ON
RUDOLF TRAPPE (civilian) of OKW/Chi.

1. This report, dated 6th Sept. 1945, was received from Signal Security Det. "D", 7th U.S. Army.

2. The report deals with PW's career and his account of the organisation of OKW/Chi. together with the personalities concerned.

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SUBJECT: Interrogation of Rudolph Trappe.

TO: Commanding Officer, Signal Security Detachment "D",
APO 757, US Army Attn. TICOM.

1. The above named civilian was employed by the Chiffrierstelle office, at first the Reichswehrministerium and later the OKW since 1919 until its capture by the Americans at Werfen, Austria (A-08).

2. His work follows:- (a) Translations of French and English military manuals, newspapers, technical articles, clear text messages, radio and press items.

(b) Decoding French military codes and systems on hand from base material furnished by CHI. Removing of double encipherment of same,

(c) Working on successors of codes he had previously been working on,

(d) Card index of names resulting from decoding.

3. His places of work follow:

1919 - Munich at military wireless station at Oberwiesenfeld.

1922 - Kassel at military wireless station at Niederzwehren

1924 - Stuttgart - first at Rotebuehl Kaserne

1932 - Stuttgart area - then at Burgholzhof

1933 - Berlin - Reichswehrministerium

1942 - Berlin - Roon Strasse (low number)

1943 - Berlin - Prinz Heinrich Strasse

1943 - Berlin - Haus des Fremdenverkehrs, Potsdamer Brücke

March 1945 - Halle - Heeresnachrichtenschule

5 April 1945 - En route to Prien, Chiem See, Bavaria; however, because of air attacks never reached there

3 May 1945 - Arrived at Werfen, Austria.

4. Organisation f OKW/CHI
W H V - General Gimmler

CHI - Colonel Kettler, then
Colonel Hoepfner

Main Group "A"
Major Mettig

I, II, III
administration, communications,
personnel, supply, interception (?)
Oberinspektor Menzer

Main Group "B"
Ministerialrat Fenner

IV Analysis
RR, (Dr.) Huettenhain
V Deciphering, Decoding,
translating
Ministerialrat Wendland

VI Archives; statistics;

Sub Group V subdivided into "Ländergruppen", each section had a Beamter in charge, (Ober-Regierungsrat or Regierungsrat).

The Ländergruppen number is shown if known:

Number	Government covered	Chiefs and/or Assistants.
V/13	United States, England	O.R.R. Rohen; RR (Dr.) Weisser
	Japan, China	1st Lt. Adler
	Spain, South America, Mexico	RR Kiefer
V/5	France, Switzerland	ORR (Dr)Mueller; Hellmuth
V/6	Italy	ORR Raffel
	Russia	Prof. Novopaschenny
	Poland	Berndt (Det Civil-Servant)
	Scandinavian States	RR Weverink
	Turkey, Greece,(Persia)	Min R Seiffert; RR Locker
	Czechoslovakia	RR Rotter
	Serbia Croatia	Min. R.(Dr) Wendland
V/3	Roumania	Major (Dr) Lenschau

Sub Group IV had following as main analysts:

Prof. (Dr) Aumann - Elsendorf, Bei Mainburg
Prof. (Dr) Weber - (Possibly Werner Weber now at Third Army Interrogation Centre)
Dr. Schultz
Dr. Witte (Prof.)
Dr. Aigner
Prof. (Dr) Franz - (U.S. and British specialist)

5. Other personnel known by Trappe:

Hans Schmidt - worked with Trappe.
address - % Kober, Markt 12
Weissenfels/Saale

Otto Kuehn - OKH, instructor in cryptography
address - % Parson Otto, Bergstrasse
Rossleben a.d. Unstrut.

B. Harmsand OKH - Section England, America.

Wernet OKH - France (?), America, England (?)

Capt.Priepre - Formerly W/T Exploiter (T/A); personnel officer (OKW/CHI)

1st Lt. Richter - Technical Radio Officer

Dr. Scherbarth - Finance Officer (OKW/CHI)

6. Co-Workers in the Ländergruppen:

Italy: Maitler, Tessman
France: Gelsing; Cruell; Luebbee; Wirsche
England: Mors; Kalle
Serbia: Cruell Tr.;
Roumania: Friedrich; Dose
Japan: Bayreuter, Schmal; Hierer; Maillat
Poland: Wieczorek
Czechoslavakia: Dr. Liebgens

7. Chiefs of Chiffrierstelle

1919 - 1st Lt. Buschonhagen (Now PW in Russian hands, German Sixth Army.)
1927 - Major Schmidt
1931 - Major Fellgeibel
1932 - Major Oschmann
1934 - Major Boetzel
1939 - Major Kempff
1943 - Major Kettler
1945 (Maroh) - Colonel Hoepfner

8. OKW/CHI ceased to exist in late April 1945 when all personnel and functions were transferred to "General der Nachrichten Aufklärung" under OKH. The Chief was General Boetzel.

9. Rudolph Trappe is available at Lampferding (Z-2238).

For the Signal Intelligence Officer:

(signed) GENE R. SILBER
1st Lt, Sig C,
Rad Int O.